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**Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
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COMMENTS INVITED ON VERIZON SOUTH INC. APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-566

Comments Due: April 5, 2002

Section 214 Application Applicant: Verizon South, Inc.

On **January 22, 2002**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications, Inc., **Verizon South, Inc.**, located at **4100 Roxboro Rd., Durham, NC 27704** (Verizon or Applicant), filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain of its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that Verizon seeks authority to discontinue providing local exchange access services to its residential and business customers in Kentucky. Applicant states that the application is being made in connection with its sale of local exchange-related assets to Alltel Newco No. 1 (Alltel), and that there will be no disruption in service. Verizon explains that Alltel will begin providing service to affected customers simultaneously with Applicant's discontinuance of service, and that customers will experience no change in area codes, telephone numbers or local calling areas.

Applicant states that it provided all affected customers with written notice of the proposed discontinuance prior to the filing of its application, and that the notice

conformed with requirements in the Commission's rules.¹

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(ii).

automatically granted on the sixtieth (60th) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.² Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **April 5, 2002**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-566**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. Comments should also be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Jon Minkoff.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via messenger-delivery or hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistronix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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² See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

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The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at **qualexint@aol.com**.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), **cweather@fcc.gov**, or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), **jminkoff@fcc.gov**, of the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit the Network Services Division web site at: **<http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>**.

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